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ON THE  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The reports furnished the Commission by the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveal the following information regarding Oswald's trip to Mexico:

1. The report of Special Agent John M. Kemmy dated December 4, 1963 at San Antonio, Texas, at pages 10-18, indicates that 90 persons entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963;

2. The same report, at pages 18-21, reveals that 24 persons departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963;

3. Mexican tourist card No. 24085 was issued to "Lee, Harvey Oswald", showing that he entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, and departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963 (Federal Bureau of Investigation Memorandum dated December 23, 1963, regarding Lee Harvey Oswald);

4. The report of Special Agent Warren C. DeBrueys dated December 8, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, at page 316, reflects Mexican Immigration Service records which show that on October 3, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, "Method of Travel: automobile, Destination: New Orleans, Louisiana".

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that although the tourist card issued to Oswald and the Mexico Immigration Service records both show that he entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26th and left Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3rd, neither the list of persons entering Mexico on September 26th nor the list of persons

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departing Mexico on October 3rd shows Oswald's name. Yet both lists are purportedly complete.

We would appreciate further investigation in connection with the foregoing reports, and, in particular, an effort by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to resolve the following questions:

(1) Why does Oswald's name not appear on either the September 26 list of persons entering Mexico or the October 3 list of persons departing Mexico at Nuevo Laredo?

(2) Are these lists in fact complete except for the absence of Oswald's name?

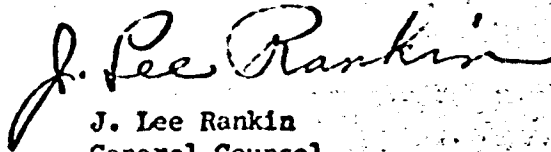
(3) If both lists are complete except for Oswald's name, how can the disparity in number of persons on the two lists be explained?

(4) What is the explanation for the reference to Oswald's method of travel as being by automobile in the Mexican Immigration Service records? Does this mean that Oswald was actually in an automobile when he crossed the border, or does it mean simply that he stated his intention to travel to New Orleans by automobile after he had crossed the border?

(5) Is there any way from the information available that we can determine who might have been in any automobile with Oswald at the time he crossed the border or thereafter?

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
 Washington, D. C.

*Lee Oswald*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 12, 1964, making inquiry concerning the Mexican immigration records relative to Lee Harvey Oswald's entrance into and exit from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26 and October 1963. We are seeking the desired data and same will be furnished to you when received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

See cover memo W.A. Branigan to W.C. Sullivan,  
 Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, dated 2-14-64, prepared by JCS:jal.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 1964,  
informing the Commission of a typographical error which  
occurred in connection with the report of Special Agent  
Clements dated November 30, 1963 at Dallas, Texas. I have  
initiated the necessary action to correct this error.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*  
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General Counsel

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, 1964, confirming delivery of one set of Photostats and photographs of the records of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York which was described in the report of Special Agent John James O'Flaherty entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald", dated December 3, 1963, at New York, New York.

The expeditious manner of your agents in obtaining and delivering the numerous exhibits to the Commission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*  
J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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SA JOHN W. SHINDOLER  
February 17, 1964

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Title:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA AND CUBA

Synopsis:

WILLIAM S. SHIVELY, JR., a student at Cincinnati University, Cincinnati, Ohio, visited Mexico City and Veracruz, Mexico, during 9/22/63 to 10/2/63, returning by bus from Mexico City to Laredo, Texas. He said photo of ALBERT OSBORNE looked like man he saw in bus station in Mexico City or on bus trip to Laredo. SHIVELY unable to recall any other information about OSBORNE.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date February 17, 1964

On February 16, 1964, WILLIAM S. SHIVELY, JR., 6650  
North Clippinger Drive, Cincinnati 43, Ohio, advised he was  
unacquainted with any ALBERT OSBORNE or any JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. *Mexico*

He said he is a third-year student at the University *Texas*  
of Cincinnati and had hitchhiked from Cincinnati to Laredo, Texas,  
during September, 1963, and bought a railroad ticket from there  
to Mexico City, Mexico, on September 22, 1963. He said he lived  
at the Royal Prince Hotel while in Mexico City and had also  
visited Veracruz, Mexico, for several days, staying at the Emporio  
Hotel. On October 2, 1963, he left Mexico City for Laredo, Texas,  
via a bus line, name unrecalled, since he failed to make train  
connections. At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Mexican authorities checked  
out the passengers on the bus by taking their Tourist Cards that  
were issued upon entering Mexico. He said his Tourist Card was  
taken also. *Mexico Texas*

Upon being shown the photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE, he *Mexico Texas*  
said he merely recalled seeing someone who looked like that person  
either at the bus station in Mexico City or on his bus ride from  
Mexico City to Laredo, Texas, on October 2, 1963. SHIVELY said  
he had no conversation with OSBORNE who was not recalled as  
traveling with anyone else. Also, SHIVELY stated he was unac-  
quainted with the other passengers on the bus, which had about  
thirty passengers. He stated he could not remember where OSBORNE  
departed the bus and did not know his destination or whereabouts.  
Also, he said he was unable to recall what luggage, if any, OSBORNE  
had, or the type of clothing he wore.

SHIVELY advised he was unable to recall ALBERT OSBORNE's  
height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair other than greying,  
or any peculiarities. He said that had he had any conversation  
with OSBORNE, SHIVELY would have been able to furnish more information.

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by SA JOHN A. SHINDLER  
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SHIVELY volunteered that he had read newspaper accounts that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in Mexico at about the same time as SHIVELY visited that country. SHIVELY stated that he had not seen OSWALD in Mexico, was unacquainted with OSWALD, and had no information about OSWALD.

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Date: FEB. 17, 1964

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RE: ALBERT OSBORNE, aka  
 Albert Osborn, John Howard Bowen

*Canadian Team*

*J. Howard*

Re air-tel Bureau to Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Knoxville, Memphis and Richmond, 2/12/64.

Following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE at Memphis, Tenn., and is being reported in this form since it is negative and administrative in nature.

On 2/14/64 Miss NANCY DAVIS, Secretary to K. W. NEWMAN, Manager, William Len Hotel, advised from records that one ALBERT OSBORN listing his home address as (no number) Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada, William Len Folio No. 90193, checked into this hotel on 1/17/64, staying in Room 215 at rate of \$4.68. He checked out 1/18/64, leaving no forwarding address. He made no phone calls and occupied the room by himself.

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On 2/14/64 Mrs. SUE HOWARD, Room Clerk who checked OSBORN in and Mrs. MARTHA BRENNAN, Cashier who checked him out, and BELLMAN, RAYNER DANNER, who took his bags to Room 215 on 1/17/64, all advised after viewing ALBERT OSBORNE's photo that they did not recall him and had no idea as to his purpose in being in Memphis.

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Date 2/18/64

File Number 100-31965 Bureau: 105-82555

Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis Inquiry conducted at General Delivery, USPO; Special Investigations Squad, Detroit Police Department; Better Business Bureau; Board of Commerce; Council of Churches; Catholic Missions Office, all Detroit, Mich., with negative results concerning ALBERT OSBORNE's present location. MARK LANE, Attorney for MARGUERITE OSWALD, made speech in Detroit on 2/14/64 in which he said he did not believe there was enough evidence against OSWALD to warrant bringing action against him. LANE said important stories bearing on the case were altered to conform to facts later developed and cited instances of such altered stories. LANE said he had prepared a brief on the matter and intended to seek an appointment with the U.S. Attorney General to present to him his brief and other evidence LANE has developed.

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Details: At Detroit, Michigan:

I. INFORMATION CONCERNING ALBERT OSBORNE, Also Known  
As JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

Mr. HOWARD GUNZ, Postal Inspector, Room 219 Federal Building, Detroit, advised that any mail which came to Detroit addressed to anyone merely by the address of General Delivery would be held at the Fort-Shelby Branch of the United States Post Office, which is located in the Federal Building.

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*Tolson*

Mr. HARRY PHILLIPS, Clerk, United States Post Office, Fort-Shelby Station, Detroit, advised on February 14, 1964, that any mail which came addressed to anyone at General Delivery, Detroit, would be maintained at the General Delivery Window at that station. Mr. PHILLIPS advised that there is presently no mail for ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, and he cannot remember any mail having been there for anybody by that name in the recent past. Mr. PHILLIPS also advised that there had been no change of address card left there for anyone, by that name.

On February 14, 1964, Detective Sergeant RAY HOWELL, Special Investigations Squad, Detroit Police Department, advised SA RICHARD J. DONOVAN that that squad handles confidence game and fraudulent scheme investigations for the Detroit Police Department. He advised that from his personal knowledge of recent cases handled and from inquiry with other detectives on the squad, he had no knowledge of any investigation concerning OSBORNE being conducted by the Detroit Police Department.

Sergeant HOWELL advised SA DONOVAN that the Detroit Police Department has a record, number 39577, for one ALBERT OSBORNE, but that this record is for the period sometime between 1935 and 1940; and, in view of the lack of identifying information, he could not determine if this record pertained to the Subject of this inquiry.

Mr. JOHN TAYLOR, Staff Executive, Better Business Bureau (BBB), 150 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, advised that if OSBORNE was making a legitimate solicitation for funds for missionary work in Mexico, he would, in all probability, register with the BBB inasmuch as most business places would not honor such a solicitation unless he were registered. He advised that BBB records contain no information of any such registration by OSBORNE. Mr. TAYLOR further advised that if any inquiries came to the BBB concerning such a solicitation, that they would be answered by him and that he could recall no such inquiry having been received.

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Mr. TAYLOR also advised that records of the BBB indicate that one ALBERT H. OSBORNE, SR., age 46 in 1954, had been indicted on a mail fraud charge filed by the United States Post Office Inspectors on September 30, 1955, which charges arose from the Orange Frosty Corporation, San Antonio, Texas. He said these records indicate that OSBORNE was at that time in the United States Reformatory, Terre Haute, Indiana, for Income Tax Evasion. Mr. TAYLOR advised that these records contained no further identifying information concerning this individual, and he was unable to determine if he was identical with the Subject of the present inquiry.

*Mich.*  
Mr. DOUGLAS WOLLER, Detroit Board of Commerce, 320 West Lafayette, Detroit, advised on February 14, 1964, that the Board of Commerce occasionally receives inquiries from various business places and individuals concerning solicitation of funds when such are being conducted in Detroit. He advised that he usually receives such inquiries and that he recalls having received no indication that OSBORNE is in the Detroit area making any type of solicitation for funds. *Detroit Mich.*

Miss MARGARET MC GREGOR, Social Services Department, Detroit Council of Churches, 65 East Columbia Street, advised on February 14, 1964, that her office occasionally receives inquiries concerning the legitimacy of solicitation for funds concerning religious matters. She advised that her office has received no information that OSBORNE is in the Detroit area making any type of solicitation for funds.

Reverend JAMES A. X. MURPHY, Catholic Missions Office, Archdiocese of Detroit, 1234 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, advised that his office receives inquiries for information concerning the solicitation of funds for religious purposes in foreign areas. He said he had received no information indicating that OSBORNE is in the Detroit area. *Mich.*

**II. INFORMATION CONCERNING A SPEECH BY MARK LANE  
CONCERNING THE OSWALD CASE ON FEBRUARY 14, 1964,  
AT DETROIT**

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Date February 18, 1964

On February 14, 1964, in the second floor auditorium of the Central Methodist Church, Woodward and Adams Streets, Detroit, Michigan, MARK LANE, who described himself as a lawyer from New York and the attorney for Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, made a speech concerning the LEE HARVEY OSWALD case.

LANE said that he did not have any confidence in the WARREN Commission which is investigating the assassination of President KENNEDY because it is obvious the Commission has arrived at the conclusion that LEE HARVEY OSWALD is guilty of the assassination, and the Commission is going to concern itself with questions other than the guilt or innocence of OSWALD. LANE said, however, that his investigation of the facts surrounding the assassination has led him to believe that there are serious doubts concerning OSWALD's guilt. In response to a question after his speech, LANE said he did not believe there was enough evidence of OSWALD's guilt to warrant bringing any action against him in a court of law, had OSWALD not been murdered.

LANE said that he became interested in the OSWALD case because over the years he has become alarmed at the erosion of the "presumption of innocence" concept which is supposed to be the cornerstone of American justice. He said the OSWALD case represents the degree to which this concept has been replaced by a presumption of guilt since OSWALD is considered guilty without the benefit of a trial, the right to cross examine witnesses and present evidence in his own behalf. He said that his subsequent inquiry led him to believe that OSWALD was guilty of neither the assassination of President KENNEDY nor the murder of Dallas police officer, J. D. TIPPITT.

LANE said the factors which most caused him to believe that OSWALD was innocent was the manner in which certain important stories bearing on the case were altered by either the Dallas District Attorney, the Dallas Police Department, or the Federal Investigating Agencies to conform with the actual facts as they were later discovered or developed. LANE cited as an example of an instance in which stories were changed, the fact that when the KENNEDY murder weapon was first found, the Dallas District Attorney identified it as a German 7.65 mm rifle. He said the Dallas District Attorney later changed his story to the effect that

On 2/14/64 at Detroit, Michigan File # 100-31965

by SA LAWRENCE M. COOPER, JR.:JEP Date dictated 2/17/64

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the murder weapon was actually an Italian rifle of 6.5 caliber when it was discovered that OSWALD owned a rifle of the latter type.

LANE cited as another example of a changed story a statement given by Dr. PERRY of Parkland Hospital, Dallas, who stated he had inserted a breathing tube in the President's throat through the wound in his throat, that the wound had been an "entry" wound and that the wound had ~~course~~ downward into the chest cavity. LANE said that Secret Service Agents had later shown Dr. PERRY an autopsy report from Bethesda Naval Hospital, and Dr. PERRY changed his story that the wound in the President's throat had been an "entry wound" without explaining the reason for changing his story. LANE said that if the wound in KENNEDY's throat had, in fact, been an entry wound, it would have been impossible for OSWALD to have fired the shots from the Book Depository Building because photographs showed that KENNEDY was facing forward or slightly to his right when he was hit.

LANE said he believed that the shots which killed the President had, in fact, been fired from the overpass which had been in front of the car at the time the President was hit. He said that the first reports on the Dallas Police radio were to the effect that three shots had been fired from the overpass and that police officers were pursuing someone in that direction.

LANE said that another indication that OSWALD was innocent were the results of paraffin tests conducted on his hands and face. He said these tests indicated the presence of nitrates only on OSWALD's hands, however, he said this test is not positive proof that a gun has been fired since other common products will also give positive results in this type of test. He said further that the paraffin test on OSWALD's face was negative, and this was definite proof that OSWALD had not fired a rifle because if he had the paraffin test on his face would not have been negative.

LANE said that the factors which caused him to believe that OSWALD was innocent of the murder of Officer TIPPITT were the questionable information concerning OSWALD's location after the assassination and discrepancies in information given by a woman who was an eye-witness to the murder. LANE said he had a copy of an affidavit this woman had furnished to the Dallas Police Department, and this affidavit contained no description of the person she had seen shoot TIPPITT. He said that, however, when this woman had been interviewed by reporters, she had given a description of a person she had seen that was at complete variance with OSWALD's actual description. He said this discrepancy had never been explained.



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LANE said he is presently engaged in a nationwide speaking tour to publicize his findings in the OSWALD case and to raise funds so he can continue his investigation in the matter. He said his tour is sponsored by the "National Guardian" and also said that an earlier issue of that publication had carried a complete copy of the brief he had prepared concerning the OSWALD case. He said that all of the points he had discussed in his speech, as well as other points, were contained in this brief.

In response to a question from the audience, LANE said that in about two weeks he was going to attempt to get an appointment with the United States Attorney General KENNEDY and present the brief he had prepared, as well as other evidence he had developed concerning OSWALD's innocence to that official.

The entire program lasted from 8:15 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. and, in addition to the speech by LANE and a question and answer period by him, consisted of an introduction which lasted about eight minutes, a collection speech for the "National Guardian" and the passing of collection plates, lasting about fifteen minutes; and another speech urging the members of the audience to subscribe to that paper, lasting about five minutes. The latter talk also urged donations for LANE to continue his investigation into the OSWALD case, and it was indicated that such donations could be made to an individual seated at the back of the auditorium where LANE presented his speech.

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A characterization of the "National Guardian" is contained on the appendix page attached hereto.

APPENDIX PAGE

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY NO. 381

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 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.  
 REMYCAB FEBRUARY 17 LAST CONCERNING TOURIST CARDS AND FORM FM-11.

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA ADVISES RECHECK OF FORM FM-11 COVERING OSWALD'S DEPARTURE AT NUEVO LAREDO ON OCTOBER 3 LAST DISCLOSES THAT THIS FORM DOES SHOW FINAL DESTINATION FOR OSWALD OF NEW ORLEANS AND THAT HE WAS TRAVELING BY AUTO. HOWEVER HERNANDEZ OCHOA POINTS OUT THAT OSWALD'S TOURIST CARD PICKED UP AT TIME OF DEPARTURE FAILS TO CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION TO CORROBORATE DESTINATION AND MEANS OF TRAVEL OF OSWALD AS SHOWN ON FM-11. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, SUGGEST SAN ANTONIO REINTERVIEW MEXICAN IMMIGRATION EMPLOYEE ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA AT NUEVO LAREDO TO DETERMINE WHAT EXPLANATION CAN BE OFFERED FOR INFORMATION APPEARING ON FM-11. HERNANDEZ OCHOA HAS FURNISHED ON LOAN BASIS TO THIS OFFICE COPIES OF FORMS FM-11 COVERING OSWALD'S ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND DEPARTURE FROM SAME. THEY ARE BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR PHOTOGRAPHING IN NEXT AVAILABLE POUCH ON FEBRUARY 20 NEXT.

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CLARK D. ANDERSON

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TO SAC SAN ANTONIO

1 - Mr. Stokes

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555) - 2044

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE FROM W. A. BRANIGAN TO SAC. LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, ADVISED RECORDS OF MEXICAN IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS SHOW OSWALD'S DEPARTURE ON OCTOBER THREE LAST RECORDED ON FORM FM-ELEVEN, WHICH SHOWS HIS DESTINATION, NEW ORLEANS, AND HE WAS TRAVELING BY AUTO. HIS TOURIST CARD PICKED UP AT TIME OF DEPARTURE FAILS TO CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION CORROBORATING DESTINATION AND MEANS OF TRAVEL AS SHOWN ON FM-ELEVEN. REINTERVIEW INSPECTOR ARZAMENDI CHAPA TO DETERMINE BASIS AND MEANING OF "AUTO." ENTRY ON FM-ELEVEN. WHEN PHOTOS OF THE FM-ELEVEN ARE OBTAINED, SAME WILL BE FORWARDED. COPY TO DALLAS BY MAIL.

1 - DALLAS (100-10461)

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NOTE: At request of Commission, we are seeking further information concerning the means of travel utilized by Oswald when he left Mexico City on 10/3/63.

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TO SAC DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA,

RE TELEPHONE CALL SIX FIFTY-FIVE P.M. FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN

TO SAC FROM A. J. DECKER CONCERNING QUESTIONING OF MARINA OSWALD

CONCERNING ESCAPADE WITH JAMES MARTIN AT WILLARD HOTEL,

WASHINGTON, D. C. REFER TO PAGE THREE FIVE ONE OF YOUR

JANUARY TWENTY-TWO REPORT THIS CASE QUOTING MAY SIXTEEN

SIXTY-THREE LETTER TO MARINA FROM MRS. PAINE IN WHICH PAINE

SPEAKS OF HER DISPLEASURE WITH HER HUSBAND AND OF HER INTENTION

TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO FIND HERSELF QUOTE A LOVER UNQUOTE.

QUESTION MARINA CONCERNING HER INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMARK AND

PRESS HER FOR DETAILS CONCERNING MRS. PAINE'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH

MEN OTHER THAN HER HUSBAND. HAS MARINA DISCUSSED SUCH THINGS

WITH MRS. PAINE? WAS THERE TO HER KNOWLEDGE ANY ILLICIT

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MRS. PAINE AND OSWALD?

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. BELMONT \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. MOHR \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CASPER \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CALLAHAN \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. DELOACH \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. EVANS \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. GALE \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. ROSEN \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. SULLIVAN \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. TAVEL \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. TROTTER \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. JONES \_\_\_\_\_
- TELE. ROOM \_\_\_\_\_
- MISS HOLMES \_\_\_\_\_
- MRS. METCALF \_\_\_\_\_
- MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-12-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
WAS AN FBI INFORMANT:  
INQUIRY FROM [REDACTED]

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DE LOACH  
M. A. Jones

By memorandum dated February 12, 1964, you (Mr. DeLoach) advised Mr. Mohr that [REDACTED] had called you from New York concerning the communists' efforts to convey the impression that Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant.

In your memorandum of February 12th, you noted that public source material was being compiled for [REDACTED] possible assistance in preparing a column which would expose the fact that the communists are attempting to spread this rumor as a smoke screen since Oswald was a self-described Marxist.

In connection with this matter, the Director noted, "Help him [REDACTED] all we can."

Attached is a 15-page blind memorandum containing public source information about this communist campaign. This contains information regarding various maneuvers in the communist campaign to label Oswald an FBI informant while, at the same time, denying or belittling any evidence of his sympathies for the Communist Party, the Soviet Union, or Castro-dominated Cuba.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached blind memorandum be made available to [REDACTED] through your (Mr. DeLoach's) office.

### Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. D. E. Moore, 603 RB - Enclosure

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I assume that [REDACTED] will show that [REDACTED] was not an FBI informant

February 13, 1964

**STEPPED-UP CAMPAIGN OF THE COMMUNISTS  
TO PAINT "FBI INFORMANT" LABEL  
ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD**

When Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, he instantaneously became an enigma to the communists, at home and abroad. Had Oswald not lived in the Soviet Union from October, 1959, through June, 1962? Had he not visited the U. S. Embassy at Moscow in the Fall of 1959, and in the presence of news representatives declared (1) that he was completely disillusioned with the United States; (2) that he had become interested in Marxism at the age of 15, had studied Marxist economic theories, and regarded "Das Kapital" by Karl Marx as his bible; and (3) that he wanted to spend the rest of his life in the Soviet Union?

After his return to the United States in June, 1962, with his Russian bride, had Oswald not carried on sympathetic correspondence with the Communist Party, USA, and its East Coast newspaper, "The Worker"? Had he not helped to promote the cause of Fidel Castro by becoming an active member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee?

In fact, while participating in a radio program on New Orleans Station WLDG on August 21, 1963, had he not identified himself as Secretary to the New

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo of 2-12-64 captioned "Allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald Was an FBI Informant; Inquiry from [redacted]"

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O'Leans chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and acknowledged that he (Oswald) was a Marxist?

The publicity afforded these and other Marxist-inspired activities of Lee Harvey Oswald proved highly embarrassing to the Soviets and the Communist Party, USA. Late in November and early in December, 1963, to create the illusion of showing "good faith," both the Soviets and home-grown Party leaders furnished the United States Government copies of correspondence concerning their association with the then-deceased assassin.

And almost simultaneously, an intensive campaign was launched by the communists to label Oswald an FBI informant and create the false impression that he had special FBI-inspired motives for declaring himself to be a Marxist.

SPEARHEADED BY "THE WORKER"

The November 26, 1963, edition of "The Worker" published several articles setting the stage for sensational charges that, prior to the assassination, Oswald had been cooperating closely with the FBI. Page 2 of this issue contains an article captioned "Pravda Sees Racist Hand in the Murder." This quotes "Pravda's" New York correspondent, Boris Strelnikov, as saying:

"After the arrest of Lee Oswald, a 24-year old ex-Marine, it was announced that he had been

in the Soviet Union and was allegedly associated with the local organization of the 'Fair Play for Cuba' Committee. Oswald was officially charged with the murder of the President. However, Oswald categorically denied this charge.

"The more details are reported, the darker and more suspicious all this story becomes. Reports based on statements of Dallas police officials so far indicate only that the police are trying to implicate, with obviously, provocative purposes, the Communist Party of the United States.

"But the very method of this terroristic act is not new for the U. S. It is reminiscent of other, smaller acts of gangsters, whose connections often lead to high-place extreme right-wing quarters."

Page 7 of the November 26th issue of "The Worker" contains part of an article captioned "Dallas Coverup, but U. S. Wants Real Probe." This states, in part, "As late as last July, according to press accounts, Oswald turned up in Miami and sought to join the Cuban Student

Directorate, an anti-Castro outfit, but Jose Antonio Lanuza, spokesman for the student outfit, said his group (also defying U.S. policy on Cuba) was suspicious of Oswald as possibly an FBI or CIA agent "trying to find out what we might be up to."

Page 1 of the December 3rd issue of "The Worker" contains an article captioned "Was Oswald an Agent? Was FBI Tipped on Ruby?" This states, "A description of Lee Howard Oswald's notes scribbled on scraps of paper...lent strong evidence that the suspected assassin was an agent of rightist groups and possibly of U.S. government intelligence."

Having deliberately published false theories and reports of its own, as well as unsubstantiated rumors from other sources, "The Worker" now moved into the next step of its campaign to paint the label of "FBI Informant" across the coffin of Lee Harvey Oswald. The December 10th issue of this East Coast communist newspaper carried the banner headline: "Report FBI Tried to Recruit Oswald for Undercover Work." The lead article on page 1 began:

"The seven-man commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren gets to work this week on its investigation of the assassination of the President, and one of the many questions it will probably sift is whether Lee Harvey Oswald, the suspected assassin,

was an undercover informant of a government agency. The commission's request from Congress of sweeping subpoena powers, is seen as an indication of plans to do more than just pass judgment on evidence already submitted by the FBI or the Dallas police.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation tried to recruit Oswald as an 'undercover informant' last September about two months before the assassination of President Kennedy, the Philadelphia Inquirer disclosed Sunday in a Dallas dispatch of its reporter, Joseph C. Golden, but the story does not throw light on whether the FBI succeeded.

"The FBI approached Oswald after he shifted to Dallas from New Orleans, where among his operations was an effort to enter the Cuban Student Directorate, an outfit of refugees working for invasion of Cuba, and later, without authorization, to pose as 'chairman' of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

The December 17, 1963, issue of 'The Worker' contains another page 1 article about Oswald which states, in part:

"Many newspapers in the country, although usually heeding the tune from FBI headquarters, have

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been doing some independent reporting on events surrounding the assassination. And much of this reporting has been clearly not to the liking of the FBI and, apparently, some other U. S. agencies. The reports were throwing more light on the character of Oswald--and the increasingly strong evidence that he was an undercover agent of one of several government outfits in the field.

"The 'enigma' of Oswald might be cleared up if the FBI, State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, Dallas police or the government's agencies handling the pro-invasion Cubans in this country, would at least reply to published evidence that Oswald was an undercover agent.

"Why has the government, or the CIA, remained silent on a story of the news services and the special correspondents in Dallas of many newspapers published from coast to coast on Nov. 29 and 30, giving clear indication that Oswald went to the Soviet Union as a secret anti-Soviet agent?"



An editorial on page 2 of the December 17th issue tells readers of "The Worker" that "revelations are being made that pointedly suggest that Lee Harvey Oswald was in the service of Hoover's FBI and of the CIA."

Page 7 of this issue contains an article asking, "Why hasn't the FBI answered the disclosure in the Philadelphia Inquirer of Dec. 8 that the FBI 'tried to recruit Oswald as an undercover informant in Castro groups two months before Mr. Kennedy's assassination?'" The article also asks, "Was Oswald recruited (by the FBI)? Or was he already serving another agency?" It poses numerous other questions--all designed to create the impression that Oswald was employed by, or working in close cooperation with, the G-Men--and offers a ready answer: "The only possible explanation... is that Oswald was an agent 'all right'...."

Page 7 of the December 17th issue puts aside Oswald's Marxist background with the statement:

"That Oswald should proclaim himself a 'Marxist' as he had on occasions, and that he should write letters to left or liberal organizations to give himself the 'Image' of someone interested in

the left shouldn't surprise anyone. Every plant of the FBI, CIA, or any other agency that uses hired informants in Communist or other progressive groups is REQUIRED to profess adherence to left and even Marxist views, to be accepted and effective in the groups he infiltrates."

"The Worker" continues this smoke screen in its December 22nd issue with statements such as:

"... is it true that Oswald was an undercover man?"

"The FBI's silence on this appears to suggest eloquently that there is more to those reports than meets the eye."

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, prepared an article for the December 29, 1963, issue of "The Worker" in which he flicks aside the un-American sympathies of Oswald by stating, "Needless to repeat he (Oswald) never was a Communist or Marxist. He wrote letters to the Communist Party asking for literature and information, as did thousands of others from all walks of life. The pattern he displayed of writing to every possible organization, of attempting to get into all types of organizations, both Right and Left, is not uncommon. This behavior is either that of a mentally deranged individual, or it fits

the pattern of the many who have appeared as petty government informers in political trials and witchhunts, and who are paid according to the number of organizations or individuals they report on."

In its January 5, 1964, issue, "The Worker" told its readers that Mrs. Marina Oswald, widow of the President's assassin, "could possibly throw light on much reported evidence of her husband was an informer for the FBI, or was in some other undercover service for one of the State Department's agencies."

Page 1 of the January 12, 1964, issue of "The Worker" contains a double-bank headline reading, "Texas Paper Cites More Evidence On Oswald's Link to U.S. Agencies." This states:

"More evidence has come to light to confirm the theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover informer for a U.S. agency.

"The Jan. 1 issue of the Houston, Tex., Post displayed on its front page a report by Lonnie Hudkins, its staff correspondent, under the headline, 'Oswald Rumored as Informant for U.S.' This report is the strongest yet published on Oswald's possible informer role."

The article continues, "The Worker has been running material pointing to Oswald's possible role as an informer for the FBI, the CIA or other U.S. undercover agencies." It also states, "That Oswald may have been an undercover informer does not mean that he was the actual killer or had even knowledge of the plans to kill the President. He may have been a 'patsy' chosen to be the victim precisely because he was known to be an informant and could be given a 'Marxist' image, and then be silenced."

On January 19, 1964, "The Worker" reiterated previous conjecture regarding Oswald and carried the "plot" a step further:

"Numerous questions remain unanswered.

Was Oswald an undercover agent for the CIA or the FBI that sought to recruit him? Much evidence has appeared to support that contention....

"Where would the planners (of the assassination) look for a 'fall guy' if not through their notoriously numerous contacts in the FBI, secret service and Dallas police and their stables of paid informers and provocateurs? Is it not well known that the rash of ultra-rightist organizations, some like the

Minutemen who boast they bear arms, even machine guns, and the Birchites, Rockwell's Nazi Party and the Nationalist Party, have a relatively higher percentage of support among military and police forces than among other sections of the population. Many of them have top military men in leadership.

"Oswald may have been an undercover agent for the U.S. and not necessarily guilty, or even fully aware of the plans. He may have been used like the drugged and witless Van Der Lube who was used by Hitlerites to set the Reichstag on fire in 1933, and then labeled a Dutch Communist."

#### "POLITICAL AFFAIRS" AGREES

"Political Affairs" is self-described as the "Theoretical Organ of the Communist Party, USA." Therefore, it comes as no surprise that "Political Affairs" has energetically espoused the same "line" concerning Lee Harvey Oswald as "The Worker."

In its December, 1963, issue, "Political Affairs" attempted to place responsibility for the assassination of President Kennedy at the feet of "the pro-fascist ultra-Right forces." It flatly

denied "all insinuations or declarations by anybody that the suspect now arrested, Lee Harvey Oswald, has any association with the Communist party."

The January, 1964, issue of "Political Affairs" contains an article concerning the President's assassination by Herbert Aptheker, who has appeared on a number of college and university campuses on behalf of the Communist Party in recent years. Aptheker's article states, "Features in the known behavior of Oswald strongly suggest the pattern created by agents and informants of the FBI. He joined, communicated with, subscribed to and contributed money towards (again the availability of cash is strange) a whole gamut of organizations, efforts and publications; this included organizations sympathetic to the New Cuba and groups seeking the violent overthrow of that Cuba, it included the Communist Party, the Trotskyites, the American Civil Liberties Union-- and all this rather feverish activity in a matter of a few months. During this period, also, it is now firmly established, Oswald was interviewed several times by agents of the FBI." And it continues, "Other features of Oswald's behavior just prior to the awful week-end also suggest unsavory informer or intelligence connections."

"THE NATION"

"The Nation"--one of the most consistently and outspokenly anti-FBI publications in the United States--eagerly seized the opportunity to reiterate the mounting number of unfounded rumors, as well as to add some of its own, when it published an article by Harold Feldman entitled "Oswald and the FBI." This article appears in the January 27, 1964, issue. It demands that the Presidential Commission "must tell us if the FBI or any other government intelligence agency was in any way connected with the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald."

Feldman's article in "The Nation" is woven around such statements as:

"Was the alleged assassin of President Kennedy employed by the FBI? We have seen a news report that the agency tried to recruit him and that it has refused to say whether he accepted the offer. At present, all we know is that his history, as we have been able to piece it together, is not inconsistent with such employment. Indeed, his financial record seems entirely inexplicable unless we make some such hypothesis."

The article reaches so far into the depths of distorted reporting as to pose the multipronged question: "If the FBI did not employ Oswald or work with him, then who wrote the letters he addressed to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New York?"

#### RUMORS PUBLISHED ABROAD

False reports inferring that Oswald was an FBI informant have been picked up by correspondents of foreign newspapers and published abroad. In Italy, for example, articles were published by several newspapers early in February, 1964, under headlines reading, "CIA Sent Oswald to USSR"; "FBI Used Oswald as Pro-vocateur"; "Lee Oswald Employed by FBI"; and "Oswald in Service of FBI." Among the Italian leftist newspapers to publish such false reports was "Unita," a Communist Party publication.

*2/7/64 memo. of Bureau  
to W.C. Sullivan -  
"Lee Harvey Oswald  
Internal Security - Russia"*

#### COMMUNISTS IN TEXAS

John William Stanford, Jr., 39-year-old resident of San Antonio, Texas, and long-time adherent to communism, was afforded a hearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board at Washington, D. C., in September, 1963; and on December 20, 1963, the Board ordered Stanford to register with the Attorney General in compliance with the Internal Security Act of 1950.



Although he has declined to admit being a leading Texas communist, Stanford has been most emphatic in denying that Oswald was affiliated with the Communist Party in Texas. On December 2, 1963, he publicly stated at San Antonio that Lee Harvey Oswald could not have been welcome in the Communist Party. He continued, "From what I understand, the National Communist Party has said he had no connection with the Party.... From what I know of the Party, I am sure anyone with his (Oswald's) ideas would be persona non grata in Texas." (Washington Capital News Service, 12/2/63)

BEST DEFENSE IS AN ALL-OUT ATTACK

Here, then, is the time-honored tactic which the Communist Party, USA, has used to cloud and confuse the true background of

Lee Harvey Oswald:

- (1) Deny and defend. ("Of course, Oswald wasn't a Marxist. His sympathies didn't lie with the Communist Party, the Soviet Union, Castro's Cuba or other causes supported by true progressive-minded liberals.")
- (2) Raise a smoke screen of false charges and go on the attack. ("There is a preponderance of evidence to show that Oswald was an FBI Informant--a fascist agent provocateur.")

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : J. R. Malley *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

DATE: 2/17/64

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At 10:45 a. m. today, in the absence of Malley, SA G. H. Scatterday received a telephone call from Mr. Charles N. Shaffer of the President's Commission. Shaffer stated that one of the staff members of the President's Commission, Melvin Eisenberg, desired to examine the Oswald rifle, which could either be sent to the Commission or Eisenberg could call at the Bureau.

It was ascertained that the rifle is maintained in the Laboratory and had previously been examined by staff members of the Commission and there would be no objection to its again being examined by Commission representatives.

Arrangements were made with the Laboratory for a representative of that Division to deliver the rifle to Mr. Shaffer today.

ACTION: For information.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Stokes
- 1 - 62-109090

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. DeLoach  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Bishop  
 Mr. Casper  
 Mr. Callahan  
 Mr. Conrad  
 Mr. Felt  
 Mr. Gale  
 Mr. Rosen  
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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 2/17/64

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Malley  
 Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
 Internal Security - R - Cuba

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At 11 a.m. on 2/16/64, SAC Shanklin called from Dallas to advise that Attorney Pete White, former Assistant District Attorney, who is a friend of our Dallas office, advised that his law partner, William A. McKenzie, is going to represent Robert Oswald at his appearance before the President's Commission this coming Thursday, 2/20/64.

After Marina Oswald testified before the Commission, she was turned loose by Secret Service, which had up to that time afforded her protection. She stayed in Washington a day or so and returned to Texas where she stayed for several days with Robert Oswald. She is now living with Mrs. Katherine E. Ford, in Dallas, who is an acquaintance of hers (we have previously talked to Mrs. Ford--see page 258, report of SA Gemberling, Dallas, dated 11/30/63).

According to Attorney White, Marina was accompanied by her attorney, Thorne, and her business manager, James Martin, in Washington, D. C., and they had adjoining rooms in a hotel. One night after Secret Service turned her loose [redacted] SAC Shanklin said that Attorney White was advising us, not as a complainant, but because he thought we should be aware of this.

SAC Shanklin said that we are interviewing Marina Oswald on 2/17, and also Robert Oswald on 2/17, concerning matters involved in the Oswald case. He said Attorney Thorne had been contacted, and Thorne said that Marina Oswald had sent her business manager, Martin, and Attorney Thorne, registered letters discharging them.

**ACTION:**

I told SAC Shanklin to go ahead with the interviews of Marina Oswald and Robert Oswald on the matters concerning the Oswald investigation, but not to question them concerning this alleged incident between Marina and her manager in Washington, D. C. If either one of them volunteers information, the agent should, of course, accept it.

Attached are letters to the Department and the President's Commission, reporting this incident.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-32965)

GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, IS - R,  
OO: DALLAS, BUDED MARCH ONE NEXT.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
HAS REQUESTED A FULL-SCALE INTELLIGENCE-TYPE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
CAPTIONED SUBJECTS IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED IN VIEW OF PAST  
ASSOCIATION OF SUBJECTS WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN DALLAS, TEXAS.  
COMMISSION REQUESTED INVESTIGATION INCLUDE BACKGROUND, MARRIAGES,  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES, TRAVEL AND FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITY.

BUFILES REVEAL EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THIS  
BUREAU CONCERNING GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT BASED ON HIS ALLEGED PRO-  
GERMAN SYMPATHIES AND ACTIVITIES FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE NINE FOUR  
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PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONCERNING JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT.

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RE: GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

100-32965

NEW YORK, OFFICE OF ORIGIN DURING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION,  
IS INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY PREPARE A SUMMARY REPORT ON GEORGE  
DE MOHRENSCHILDT CONCERNING INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION  
AND SPECIFICALLY PRIOR TO TIME SUBJECT MOVED TO TEXAS SUITABLE  
FOR DISSEMINATION TO COMMISSION.

DALLAS IS INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY PREPARE CURRENT REPORT  
ON GEORGE AND JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING  
ALL INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE SUBJECT IN OSWALD INVESTIGATION.  
ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND CONCERNING SUBJECTS RESIDENCE IN DALLAS  
SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED AND APPROPRIATE LEADS SET FORTH BY TELETYPE  
WHERE NECESSARY TO FILL IN GAPS WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT THIS MATTER  
BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS, CONTINUOUS AND PREFERRED ATTENTION UNTIL  
RESOLVED AND ANY ADDITIONAL LEADS BE SET FORTH BY TELETYPE.

LOS ANGELES AND DENVER IMMEDIATELY REVIEW FILES FOR ANY  
UNREPORTED INFORMATION NOT PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF DALLAS AND  
IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WARRANTED RE  
SUBJECTS IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS APPARENT RESIDENCE IN RESPECTIVE AREAS  
AND SUREP RESULTS.

BUFILES CONTAIN VOLUMINOUS ADDITIONAL REFERENCES RE SUBJECTS  
WHICH ARE BEING REVIEWED. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED RECIPIENTS  
IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

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WARRANTED. INITIAL REPORTS IN THIS MATTER SHOULD REACH BUREAU  
BY MARCH ONE NEXT.

NOTE: See memo W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan, same caption,  
2-17-64, prepared by LLA; mhw, submitted with enclosed letter for  
Honorable J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission,  
dated 2-18-64.

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**PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY**  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

*DE. Mohr  
A.D. DeLoach*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been reviewing several Bureau reports in connection with our investigation of George and Jeanne De Mohrenschildt and their possible connection with either the assassination of the late President, John F. Kennedy, or the subsequent killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, or both. In this connection, I have particularly reviewed the reports of Special Agent Gemberling, dated November 30, 1963, December 10, 1963, December 23, 1963, January 7, 1964, and January 22, 1964; as well as the report of Special Agent DeBruys dated December 8, 1963.

To the extent not covered in the above listed material, the Commission has asked me to request that your Bureau initiate a full-scale background intelligence type report of the De Mohrenschildts if you have not already done so. If you are agreeable to this request, I would suggest that the proposed investigation include the background data on the De Mohrenschildts' marriages, education, employment, relatives, associates, travel and financial activity.

Your continued assistance in the work of this Commission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

*Don Brangan & Sullivan  
3/17/64  
Ltr to Rankin re DeLoach  
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1 - Mr. Sullivan; 1 - Mr. Malley; 1 - Mr. Branigan; 1 - Mr. Lenihan;  
1 - Mail Room; 1 - Mr. Anderson

February 18, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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105-82555 -  
Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 12, 1964, requesting that investigation be initiated concerning George and Jeanne De Mohrenschildt if not previously conducted.

For your information, investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning George De Mohrenschildt based on his alleged pro-German sympathies and activities, results of which are being incorporated in a report which will be furnished to you upon receipt.

Additional investigation is being conducted to bring the investigation of George De Mohrenschildt up to date and to ascertain pertinent background data and activities concerning Jeanne De Mohrenschildt, the results of which will be appropriately furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

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See memo Branigan-Sullivan 2-17-64, LLA:MMW; RE "GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT.

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Mr. Belmont

February 19, 1964

A. Rosen

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

*La Oswald*

Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, attorney with the President's Commission, telephonically advised today that the Commission was desirous of re-examining the available films in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. Eisenberg states that arrangements have now been worked out by the President's Commission so that the original film taken by Abraham Zapruder, which was sold to Life, Time, Inc., will be available, and he desired Mr. Shaneyfelt of the Laboratory, as well as a representative of the Exhibits Section to be present.

After checking with Mr. Shaneyfelt concerning his availability, as well as Inspector Gauthier, appropriate arrangements were made for the group to get together at 10:00 a. m., Tuesday morning, 2-25-64, at the offices of the President's Commission where the scale models would be available for discussion, if they were necessary.

You will be advised of any items of interest that develop from the showing of these films.

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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
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